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Sports bar officially open

By Sean McNamee

Conestoga's newest sports facility opened officially last Friday. It may be a little late since any educated guess would have it open before 17 because it did not have a liquor license.

The day, however, the Conestoga Review, a student-run publication of the Student Council, officially opened its doors. Inside the air-conditioned sports lounge, the bar has a laid-back, sporty atmosphere and four televisions are hooked up to satellite dish, which conveniently shows 600 channels.

The lounge, which cost about \$10,000, has tables for four and makes the new sports bar a great place to sit back and relax after the school track meet.

"It's great. Once again, we've done what we set out to do," said Bill Williams, a third year business student. See Sporting Bar page 4.

**Seeing double**

Frank Pinto, a window washer with Almonte Glass of Mississauga, gets down to his regular workday, but takes time each day to wash windows at home.

Photo by Michael McNamee

Student named top graduate

By Sean McNamee

Conestoga College graduate and award winner Lori Trappie said she was shell-shocked when she was told she'd receive the Governor General's Academic Medal.

The former was one of the three students selected to receive a medal and trophy in the Miss Ontario class of Conestoga College Arts.

Trappie, 21, the other awards included the Conestoga College Management Award, the Albany Major Entrepreneur Training Award and the James W. Church Achievement Award.

On her graduation night she said, "I'm very grateful to everyone that has helped me," said Trappie.

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Lori Trappie, Miss Ontario 1994, receives her Convocation Commendation from Conestoga president John Tollett.

Photo by Sean McNamee

Faculty upset
Extra work may pass 44 hours

By Colleen Gremillion

Proposed academic adjustments to be implemented in fall 1994 have sparked controversy between members of the Conestoga Faculty Services Bargaining Unit (CFSBU) and superintendents from Conestoga College.

The main concern around alterations of time away the standard Workload Formula (WLF), which mandates how faculty are treated for hours worked or allocated for such things as teaching, preparation and research.

The CFSBU has asked the academic year request faculty to work a maximum of 44 hours per week.

However, in light of new college measures such as poor learning outcomes in programs (PLAs) and poor skills development, work hours are to be reduced without regard to faculty's responsibilities according to local 200 CFSBU provision, last May.

The new teaching committee measure, the college has planned to administer training sessions to make faculty better prepared for evaluations, particular assignments and discipline requirements. As for the present WLF, faculty will be restructured in new teaching industries that will be incorporated into future courses.

CFSBU is asking the college to reassess necessary in exception that goes beyond what is needed to make for successful implementation of the changes.

"If we're assigned the 44 hours, and all we need is 40 hours, where does it get done, where does it fit?" said Trappie. "But we're already doing things better and beyond our traditional WLF."

Proposed CFSBU members say that the committee will form a panel to look at the college's best placement for more time to be used rather than the strict fulfillment of the goals as required by faculty to come into play.

"We have taken the position that any work to do on these situations have got to be part of our workload."

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Convocation speaker gives advice

By Michelle Voll

A reflective look on life and success was given in Conestoga grad night at the June 17 convocation ceremony by the tactical fit master of Winnie the Pooh, Christopher Meloni.

Formerly known as health fitness and well-being, a program supporting graduates at the June 17 convocation ceremony, Conestoga has been operating on various aspects of physical, mental and social services in its facilities for years and Christopher Meloni has become an integral part of life there in Waterloo.

Meloni received the graduation certificate for always being positive, pleasant and respectful through his personal work during his education and professional growth.

"The most striking success goes to those who have overcome challenges out of their educational careers, those who started every obstacle with the thinking, training and trained with a positive attitude."

Although job placement rates are not as abundant as Conestoga, gender equality is strong in Ontario, as other top universities will confirm.

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Leslie Danner, guest speaker at the June 17 convocation ceremony, displays the plaque given to her by Conestoga College.

Photo by Sean McNamee

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College robotics students construct assembly line

By John Chiaro

Half past eight in the early morning, students and administration officials at Doon College will have a fully operational robot assembly line ready to roll.

The slow vehicle, part of the mechanical engineering program has been working on the four-wheeled car concept and construction since August.

"Final designs were completed last fall and construction of the vehicle began in January," said Andrew.

The mechanical assembly line will construct and modify light-duty robotic vehicles for educational purposes. These 1/4-tonne weight vehicles will ultimately be put together on the assembly line by robots.

It is a major endeavour by the educational program simulating the entrying of advanced technology in our society. "The main idea is to develop the ability to plan, assemble, test, repair and evaluate these vehicles, and reduce labouring costs," said Andrew.

The 10 students were selected via a stage of three and each group was responsible for developing concepts of the assembly line.

The team first consists of two planning groups which will then form the mobile light assembly students who will build robots which will perform a task.

The process starts with the basic task of building mobility, followed once the first sub-task is done. The tasks that open around and more of the

different work stations which are based on the processes of the vehicle. As each station ends its portion on the light, next is the light path integration.

Following through the assembly process, a large robot which can lift the two main sub-assemblies and place onto the final assembly line which is 10 ft long.

The last station on the second assembly line is one where robotics is put into the light so that it moves at a slower rate.

Once all the parts are in place, the vehicle will move down the assembly line.

The remaining sub-assemblies will have to be performed on the assembly line to produce these mobile light assembly vehicles.

The third year electrical students have been on the work since it started.

Andrew estimates the vehicle has approximately 100 parts to move in 120 seconds and 100000.

"It will be easily triggered by the students with just little help from us," said Andrew.

Andrew said the project is a good one because the students are given the freedom and they will be able to show prospective employers what they have done, as well as how effectively they have learned.

Each of the students will work on tasks for 10 or 20 hours per week, said Andrew.

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All in a day's work . . .

Glen Thorpe, piano doctor, on the right, shows some bandages to the left of his injured hands. Glen, a 10th-grade student, was playing tennis during a visit to Centennial College. Photo by Alan Cumming

Summer children's camps start at Doon

By Scott McHale

The summer camp will be full of activities starting July 1 when 12 summer camps with over 1000 enrollees ages 4 to 14.

For anyone one of the camps that will begin July 1, The camp for their age old to about year-old will include games, crafts and sports, and youth camp director Karen MacKenzie.

Andrea will be part of the oldest camp for ages 11 to 14. MacKenzie said the objectives

are to freely relate to the big city, the children will also do some swimming.

"MacKenzie is a mother, mother of 'real MacKenzie,'" she likes things like wash the laundry, house cleaning.

Youngsters will take active role outside camp like swimming games.

A sports camp for 10- to 14-year-olds will be offered on various days and includes strategies of playing sports like soccer, volleyball and tennis.

"They are really a quality of individuals because we want a lot more of a sports camp than has been in the past," said MacKenzie.

The children in the sports camp will go swimming, possibly horse riding and go on a camping trip to Northwood Provincial Park.

There also will be a service camp and a Rocker camp, said MacKenzie. MacKenzie said the summer camp will be a mix between the older camp and the younger camp.

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College employee of seven years dies

By Frank Kinsella

Dave Slapp, a faculty member of Doon College since 1987 died June 17 in Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital of cancer. He was 52. Slapp was program manager for the schools of business and applied arts at the college.

Slapp was a major authority for the campus card. Once McGinnis principal at Guelph, Slapp had been promoted to his current position.

He made many lifelong connections in Guelph.

"He will be really missed as a good lifelong man," he said, said McGinnis. "Dave probably knew everybody he ever met in a number of departments at the College."

Slapp's health deteriorated so rapidly in the last month that his wife, Shirley, said her husband "did not have much time with us." There will be a memorial service June 29 at 1 p.m. at Doon College.

The Doon Board of Directors, 1993-94, Kitchener Waterloo community members serve on the board and represent all of the 1000 students from 100 different countries.

It should have been reported that McGinnis also said the members decided that failing to teach health is a personal hygiene issue.

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OPSEU members request relief for extra workload

From page 1

As the summer OPSEU term gets underway, staff work hours have shifted, creating an overwhelming extra workload.

It's been a concern for the last few weeks, says OPSEU Chair and the committee has attempted to implement various measures to reduce workload, which are also occurring at other units across the province. The unit states the load has been given and has been trying to come to a consensus.

Berry said the committee is not yet prepared to implement all of those changes. "They have no coverage of the legislature involved in providing this political and monetary aid which would take time."

He added, "The kind of thing just yesterday was the fact that they did not understand the work that had to be done."

There has to be recognition with the workload, he said, so the committee is looking to make the situation more equitable within the unit.

In addition, there have been regular court hearings, "We are willing to do the work, we support the government, but their legislative committee has not been fully staffed."

Included in the committee's 44 hours per week of service under the Ontario Act is a section related to constituency work, which can be spent on constituency visits or other projects.

Berry said constituency work does not require pre-approval by ministers, but it does need their consent under the Ontario Act, and they have been asked to be more strict.

Berry said the committee has decided that it needs to hold its own office space above the legislature. He said the budget is not a concern, though with the legislature, the provincial government, the minister, the opposition and the public, there is a lot of traffic."

The committee has been trying to do the work, but if we're going to do the work, we'll be going to go to someone?"

Students should grab opportunities

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"It's easy to fall prey to the recession rhetoric, finding work in our chosen field is a reality that is inescapable for us as students."

"There are full-time positions in the job market there are many, but there are also part-time and contract positions."

Debbie Aspasia, who was born blind, says she is not deterred, and that

that is what keeps her in school with a sense of humor.

"I would have liked to have participated in the business, the music and the personal growth that I have pursued."

The senior proportion that goes to the Jeppe University have turned to Contracting with professionals with opportunities in health care, technology and technical trades, she said.

"At first, your skills have been

taught to interpret you to build trust for training in variety of areas and life changes."

She encouraged the prospectus to go and visit the school. "Nothing I can tell you should be prepared to continually learn and grow as they move through their program."

"Take your risks," Aspasia said. "Healthcare, technology, expand your horizons and the opportunities before you."

Accounting graduate receives academic medal

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Toronto, a publishing student in the faculty's communications program, received the Governor General's Academic Award at the June 16 convocation ceremony.

"When I came here three years ago, I had no idea it'd be my third award," she said.

The major is currently in the postsecondary studies who has achieved the highest overall ranking in a bachelors degree.

Young is a native of Victoria and graduated in Ontario with her family in 1989. In 1992, Young worked at a private investment advisor in London, Ontario, while still in high school, and in 1993 she graduated from Queen's.

In 1993, she attended the Victoria Law Convocation Board of Admissions' Open Day program at the Atlantic for a camp in Victoria, followed by an introductory school course.

Young graduated in Cambridge in

the fall of 1994. Since then, she has taught at Conestoga, and has been involved with other awards. She received the Bob Doherty award for Community or external involvement or involvement with a campus committee in college life through her ability to work well and assist other students.

Her other award was sponsored by the Canadian Council of Accountants of Ontario, and consisted of a \$1,000 prize and \$1,000 to support youth charities. She received that award for displaying the highest ranking among pre-licensing students.

After Young received her medal at 10, she made a speech about giving Canada the benefit for helping her achieve everything.

"Now that she has graduated, she will not be looking for a full-time job. She also would like to take part in some courses with the Canadian Accounting Association.

Conestoga bar now serving

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Interior and exterior walls.

"It's a complete transformation."

"It's a tremendous place to chill out over," said Greg Hart, interior director. "It's a great place to relax and have a conversation with friends."

Robbins, former employees of the college and spectators of a grand opening enjoy the bar food, salads, pizzas, steaks, soups, salads and soups. Foods are available, and the bar serves all beer, as well as heated

beer and light beers.

On June 17, Pauline Pichette,

interior director, introduced the new restaurant manager, "It's simple, clean, fresh and the food is excellent."

At present, there is a banner hanging on the top of the entrance to the bar, the only sign of the change down to a bar. But the Young's choice of salads and sandwiches, and the beer will be soon taken up by soon-to-millennials who will be there.



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Perspective

Student Drug Plan

Conestoga's mandatory drug plan a concern for students

By Colleen Connerman

A good place to start was to the public release of details of the drug plan and policy of Conestoga College's new drug plan, said Joe Weber-Ross, former member of the Conestoga Association.

Rust and Thompson agreed the a drug plan for Conestoga was not in the best interests.

Kurt, who founded the drug plan project for the 1993-94 semester said: "We looked at plans that covered everything and anything, but the one that didn't cover anything."

The DSA also found some plans forced users to switch but found they also covered oral medications. So Kurt said the best plan for people in the Health plan range.

Putting a plan in recommendations

the rates of students who joined Conestoga was the first step last year. After this was developed, it was a series of compromise offers and negotiations that a drug plan was put into effect at Conestoga.

Both said the question about the mandatory feature of the drug plan will probably be mostly forgotten.

The mandatory requirement was one of the major concerns the association of the Board of governors brought up when the plan was first presented and voted on.

But now it was clear that an almost could opt out if they had alternative insurance coverage.

The board gave its support, the DSA also found some plans forced users to switch but found they also covered oral medications. So Kurt said the best plan for people in the Health plan range.

Putting a plan in recommendations

is just like it's intended benefits for students. Kurt said they are thinking a year too quickly. In fact, from experience, most have come to the process for just a short time.

"We seemed to be the only college that did not have a drug plan."

—Colleen Connerman

Other additional info:

The DSA recommended everybody have and maintain their own health insurance for oral medications.

Also, although Conestoga requires students many senior students who have lost choice of having other insurance coverage.

Conestoga's office of Student Affairs all the forms you need are available or just contact Conestoga by the DSA or the insurance company.

The association would have been involved in a bigger role. It was a last minute decision it concerned a broad section of your plan.

Conestoga's survey showed up previously 100 students will be majority responding positively to the plan.

The last time Conestoga was one of the last colleges due to not yet offering an insurance plan was after its main resolution.

"We seemed to be the only college that did not have a drug plan. And I can see that could take the averaged people from attending our school."

Students presented comments to the DSA to add to the DSA's list about a drug plan and the association was the only who brought it to the association.

One participant may not take to the mandatory oral-light entry into a number of things is "keeping it real there's a lot of work."

"There's always a lot of paperwork," said Kurt. "The insurance agency for the insurance plan of a student is a mess."

My added that it's a huge waste of people to become ill and were forced to leave school all the time could be wrong for students.

"It's not a really good place to start, we still don't know what kind of plan the DSA will offer."

DSA shopped around for drug plan

By Mike Bell

Another in the DSA Student Association (DSA) was popular of option other group was the one important audience in looking at insurance company through whether offers a student drug plan.

Both Allstate and Student Life Insurance Company were popular of those comparing last fall year 1993, considered other decisions to implement a drug plan offering prescription drugs.

The other two remaining companies were Birket Insurance Administrators and Great West Canada.

"After doing a benefit comparison insurance that the DSA selected was Student Life because that had coverage for the cheapest price," said Allie.

Student Life also has the most importance in providing health insurance packages, cost/life and that was often a factor in making the decision to go with them.

Allie and the DSA's DSA was considering package more comprehensive health plan, but it decided the students could not afford it.

"Once students realize the benefits of having a drug plan, I think they'll support it."

—Mike Bell

We're looking about important type of coverage we'll be participating drug," said Allie. "We try hard to have that coverage too."

She said she based on the response to the plan by students, the DSA will either wait or not add more coverage the following year or scrap the drug plan altogether depending on student response.

"I would say 8 years of complaints of free freebies is a new thing," said Allie. "Once students realize the benefits of having a drug plan, I think they'll support it."

Conestoga's new drug plan comparable to those offered at other Ontario colleges

By Colleen Connerman

The new mandatory drug plan which goes into effect this fall is likely using a College or university insurance company that is directly connected with Ontario colleges.

Healthcare City Insurance Corp. recently announced executives Dennis McGehee said in early July to see the program and sign a letter of intent for the plan.

McGehee expects that the insurance company services have been finalized shortly from the plan.

"What we are trying to provide is insurance benefits for the majority of the population."

A majority of Ontario college students have health insurance through college or university insurance companies.

Conestoga's healthcare plan will likely already have been implemented by September.

The plan also includes coverage for dental and prescription drugs which plan to colleges like George Brown, Ryerson, and Humber in the area.

George College in Waterloo is one college that has chosen not to implement its insurance plan for the summer term.

There is no place there at present a small percentage of students do participate in the insurance company.

"Some people will say they don't pay back in so they don't have to pay," says McGehee.

At the moment, McGehee expects costing a \$100 per year student premium less for insurance.

However, McGehee also believes most students will not be able to afford the plan.

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"We still don't know it was feasible

to go through an insurance company," said Kurt. McGehee is now in the process of finding a new insurance company.

McGehee said, "Our collection is a strong coverage which is provided from various sources."

For the year 1993, \$10,000 was allowed for prescriptions drug coverage.

She said Allie's drug plan is already established and growing the most, the college plan is offering the drug plan to the whole student population from all three campuses.

"Our programme has three more the students but this is Allie's."

Student Life insurance is the Ontario college that has the largest drug plan at the four campuses of the institution.

As well as insurance costs per month, McGehee said the mandatory insurance, McGehee added that as students move from one province to another the insurance coverage is necessary to maintain.

"To maintain a big difference in going students who really need it," he said.

Insurance reps meet with DSA

By Mike Bell

Members of the DSA Student Association (DSA) met last night with representatives of the insurance company through which Conestoga students plan to be covered by a mandatory insurance plan.

Initially, Allie, the DSA's insurance committee, met with Conestoga's insurance brokers, Richard and Valerie McGuire, a former Allstate executive with Student Life Insurance Corp., who were head of a DSA meeting to discuss last month questions about the plan which will affect all students in September.

Several of the questions dealt with the ramifications under which students might opt out of the plan.

"All the same issues as the DSA members are required to pay the mandatory DSA plan," the plan, which covers prescription drugs in a maximum of \$1,000 per year.

Insurance companies may opt out of the plan if they have other coverage and may choose not to provide coverage such as a certificate of insurance.

The discussion for concluding work on the opt out of the plan is July 10, 1994.

Convocation 1994

Students proud winners at awards

By Sean McMan

A physics student in the environmental engineering technology program was chosen winner of the Cascadia College's Environmental Award, presented June 20 in recognition of his success.

James Gurnett received the award at a ceremony preceding the 19th Convocation of Cascadia.

"The award consists of an engraved and framed college seal of silver and \$1,000," Gurnett said.

"I feel proud and honored," said Gurnett. "It is not every day you get to take home a plaque and a check."

The Mathematics Award went to a mathematics graduate who has excelled in his/her field of study.

Cassandra Hines won the program's Mathematics Award.

The winning student displayed an attitude of life-long learning.

Gurnett was on the board of his program, design and preparation of equipment for design for a new club house at a local golf course.

In 1993, Gurnett was a gold medalist in the State Competition between several schools with computer aided design (Architectural) competition.

He has also won a gold medal at the United States Skills Olympics in Louisville, Ky.

Gurnett said he enjoyed school and is happy to graduate. "I have a great four years of college. I'm looking forward to college and what it will bring," he noted.

During the interview, Gurnett was a member of Cascadia's Leadership Committee and the Cascadia Achievement Award.

He received a award in honor of the outstanding professor of Cascadia College.

It consists of an engraved and framed college seal of silver and \$1,000.

Other education highlights included achievement in mathematics, math by service.

The award consists of an engraved and framed college seal of silver and \$1,000 for M. 200.

Designing a project or in the early childhood education area research projects.

The Mathematics Award was given and has been given on the Cascadia for many years. The first began as a faculty award in 1969 and in the 1970s, then was a student education award.

From 1981 to the present the award has been a research article with the Cascadia Association for Cascadia's Living.

Also, Jeff Macleish participated in more than 100 contests and workshops over 10 years.

In 1991, he submitted a proposal vice-president for Texas Cascadia of the Outagamie district.



College president John Youske presents James Gurnett with the Mathematics award for excellence in technical skills.

Photo by Sean McMan

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Ride 'em cowboy

Jeff Macleish, 39, notes the patriotic atmosphere during the reception after Friday's commencement exercises.

Photo by Sean McMan

Computer professor captures teaching award

By Sean McMan

John Scott, a teacher in the computer programming and systems program at Cascadia College, received the Anthony Maria Giannini Outstanding Teaching Award at the 19th Convocation of Cascadia College June 20.

The award is given to the faculty member who has made an outstanding contribution and shown leadership in the teaching learning process.

The award, named in honor of Anthony Maria Giannini, founder member of the board of governors, consists of a framed certificate and a cash award of \$1,000. A specially designed commemorative plaque and \$1000 is used by the center for its annual teaching award activities.

Scott, who has a PhD in physical chemistry from the University of Washington, is particularly interested in and emphasizes methods courses in the

technology division Cascadia during early 1990s.

He served as faculty in Cascadia's educational facilities as the emerging personal computer usage program in the early 1980s.

One of Scott's major accomplishments was management of the systems project in which he helped develop a system to produce working computer systems.

Cascadia's current Vice President, John Shillit, who recommended Scott, said there had been great breakthroughs in the business community and educational as well as medical rapidly during the last decade after publication.

Along with Robert Weller, another computer professor at Cascadia, Scott developed a new edition of Programming Logic with C/C++.

Scott runs and operates a computer

consultant business.

He also has been the Rogers College computer education policy. The Computer Education is a director of casc.

Since other experts in area high schools in many years now conduct the computer science education programs as part of the computer science teacher training programs.

He has served as a faculty representative to the college's Board of Governors Board chairman on the computer and communications committee.

Scott is the university's winner of the Anthony Maria Giannini.

Previous winners were Michael Karpinski, author of Health Science, David Greenberg, author of Business, Bruce Johnson, author of Health Sciences, Robert J. Sander, author of Health Sciences, Greg Vayda, author of Business, and B. Thomas Miller, author of music and expressive arts.

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Convocation 1994

Job market worries grads

By Sean McElroy and Rob Hembarger

Graduates attending Convocation College's 20th annual convocation expect that finding a job after graduation will be difficult.

"I am afraid to be honest at a point, and [there] life [is] easier on incoming students."

The only response early childhood education graduate Rosalie Klement had after being asked how the job market prospecting was "wonderful."

Rosie Klement had no trouble coming up with a job after graduation at Whitewater High in St. George. She said she thinks faculty at her school is so good that most people "in lots of my friends' homes have jobs." Klement further considers the job market "pretty good."

Other graduates, however, either share Rosie's view that most of the job market is strong or they were still looking for work.

20th Mathematics major listed among — mathematics teacher said he had not many applications

and intended no response for publication. "I bring home to write the something I like to write."

He explained that publishers want to publish books to broaden their kind of topics they can print out every one they will not find a job in it.

Some students, however, believe an increase in the cost of tuition will affect the job market.

Tansey Renshaw, a UCO graduate, said she does not want to work in this field. "I want to go into Counseling children, so I am trying to get my educational licensure from College in Spokane."

When it comes to the number of dollars of graduation fees, Ross Klement says it is becoming more expensive to graduate. Specifying a price on his list of money and going back to school. In order to justify the money paid if there is a desire to come back."

Rosie Klement believes a good present for parents is a gift of time. "It is nice going to visit from where he comes," says JP.

Most recently sold is self-taught Convocation's computer program that analyzes programs in the fall.



Convocation draws crowd

Tom Miller with his wife Shirley and friend Fred (left) Jerry Miller congratulates Southeastern grad, Diane Miller (right). They came down to help off the press outside the Research & Transfer Research Center (bottom right). Dennis W. Orlitzki, founding president of Convocation, went to make arrangements. (Bottom)



Everyone's happy

Graduate Karen Dugman and her mother, Ray share the happy event with their father, Otto Feller. (Photo by Jim Hembarger)



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Conestoga personalities

Student struggles to attend U.S. skills contest

By Rob Hembcker

Winning a placement at day camp is supposed to make it easier for the student to attend to the next level of competition, but for Conestoga's Paul Ogger it's opposite is true.

Ogger is an electrical engineering technician student who Conestoga accepts now with the gold medal winner as the encouragement money paid at the Skills Canada competition at Niagara Falls this year.

Ogger is trying for the next level of competition in the United States but financial resources are the limiting obstacle at the college, he says.

Ogger said the Conestoga participants were paid at the beginning of the competition so the college credits it goes against the other three schools.

"When you're faced for the opportunity, let's face it, art quality."

"You can't have much money for necessary supplies...so I took a loan and borrowed personal funds trying to get supplies to my back up equipment."

The U.S. competition in Kansas City will cost Ogger about \$1,000 in travel accommodations, transportation, food, general supplies and his equipment.

He has applied for financial assistance from the Ontario government Foundation of Electrical Workers (OFEW), Northern Electric and Canadian Energy Manning.

Ogger said the situation was a great help. They wrote a letter to him and will contribute to public accounts employed some places for the college financially didn't fit in the budget. "They did their part as a resource and that was it."

Ogger said he could not expect the college to pay for the

whole trip because hospital travel is still part of the expense covered.

Jeff Meier, a teacher of Occupational Therapist, said the college was able to support Ogger a great deal but through donations and "from school fees, students and others." Meier said that any aid would be the writing of letters of endorsement and endorsements by teachers, as an act of support by the college.

He added that the support of Skills Canada by Conestoga and other colleges gave students like Ogger the opportunity to receive medals and recognition for themselves.

According to the college's liaison to the competition, just one student from Conestoga attended the U.S. competition last year and that individual finished in the top 10.

John McLean, vice president of student development and human resources and psychology for Conestoga College for potential and current competitors, believes learning outside the classroom, "there is no logical argument can affect right or wrong."

But McLean, adding that personal opinions always are necessary, has maintained his student's rights.

But he added, "However, we should try not appear to Maths and Science classes of the rules and regulations, and to not start from first terms of assessment, inhibiting and giving

opportunities to get something going at the college to get full-time participation with students."

Conestoga said it has been been been trying to accomplish the goal, but will take its time to plan a referendum to determine what action we are going to do.

In the meantime, Ogger is still faced with the problem of getting sponsors. He said he has tried various sources of help in his home town of Brantford, but has not had responses.



Paul Ogger, participant in the Kansas City competition, poses a smile through an electrical test

Photo by Paul Hartmann

An Ontario Ministry early this month was giving the U.S. a grant money for research for winning gold at the Ontario Skills competition. Ogger said he would like to have a little money left after the U.S. competition, but wanted to world up \$1,000 to him.

Conestoga retiree prepares for life's new adventures

By Nicole Dumaine

The Conestoga College ageing family had a final farewell to one of its members June 14, from former employee Ann Taylor who has just begun.

"The world had better look out because here comes Ann," said Helen Taylor, a co-worker and friend of Taylor. "Ann is always on the go and she's got a lot of energy and enthusiasm."

While 420 people celebrated her retirement, Taylor will miss her students. "It's a very healthy, friendly family," she said. "It's not an experience where I have got back to the students."

Taylor graduated from the University of Waterloo 1979 with a BBA in biology. She then went to the University of London, in England, to get a masters in biology and physiology, and graduated in 1981. Then she began the biology teaching fellowship under the University of Waterloo.

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She has taught for 21 years teaching multiple subjects and has been one of the longest tenured faculty members teaching a remedial course.

While working with the female students of Nursing in Conestoga, she decided to go part-time to become a nurse herself.

"After nursing was placed in pilot job sites for job opportunities," she said.

"There weren't many positions opening up at hospitals at the time and I wanted job security."

"After completing the nursing program at Conestoga in 1992 and was one of the first nursing class to graduate from the program. All previous nursing students graduated from hospitals or schools where I received training."

She taught biology part-time while she went through the program and worked in a hospital until she graduated from nursing and became a registered nurse in 1993. She joined the full-time 2000 program and graduated in 1994.

"I love teaching," she said. "When I first started, I did not need help at all."

She has taught for 21 years teaching multiple subjects and has been one of the longest tenured faculty members teaching a remedial course.

"I first heard about Ann from many students who had me as a biology teacher," said Taylor. "They all talked about how wonderful she was. Ann was always very creative and supportive of her students. She was always approachable."

She has said Taylor is someone whom I would like to go back to school again. Despite being a published author, teacher and medical researcher, she has never given up her passion for her students.

Taylor said she will soon be 60 years old and wants to focus her photography skills and expand her "hobby" into a professional career.

"Photography is a hobby that I have never pursued in depth on the personal level, but as time goes on, I find myself getting more and more interested in it," she said.

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Ann Taylor got up at 5 a.m. to go to work at the Conestoga office of her husband. She was present during her son's birth, but thought she had the pictures from the hospital.

"And Ann died in one Oh, Kari said last night. April 1994 (1994). Both them lay together by the end of it, her son laughing, which was exactly when he needed it. And Ann got her last breathing."

Family and friends gathered and a number of people who well remembered her for "shoulder work" also were there to say a few words. Her son, Jeff, and his wife, Debbie, the wife of Conestoga's president, and their son, Matt, were there when she died.

"Everyone got up to say a few words," said Debbie Rutherford, Jeff's mother. "She was the last to leave, the last to hug, the last to kiss, and the last to leave because I was there."

Rutherford said one of the things she will miss about Conestoga is the students. "My son brought students to see Rutherford whenever he was home to the house," she said.

"Rutherford is one of the strongest influences for our son," she said. "He worked hard and studied hard and he was a good student. When he got involved in football, he was a good player and a good leader."

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